Reply to Comments Regarding FCC 17-26

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Thank you for soliciting comments regarding "phony calls" and specifically scam calls in VRS.

This issue is not about interpreters merely "suspecting" a crime.

This issue is not about interpreters "monitoring call content".

The term "monitor" implies that interpreters are analyzing calls, trying to ferret out illegal activity.

This issue is about VRS interpreters being confronted by illegal activity blatantly occurring during calls.

This issue is about publicly funded VRS being used by people to commit crimes during the calls, and interpreters being forced to "play along".

It has been said that the FCC considers VRS interpreters to be nothing but "phone lines". In other forms of interpreting, we are recognized as human beings.

In the United States, human beings are not forced to break the law or to help someone else break the law.

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